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SUBJECT: ANGOLA - SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, NOV. 10

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1. YOU MAY WISH DRAW ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FROM NOV. 10 PRESS CONFERENCE IN DISCUSSING ANGOLAN
SITUATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT:

2. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WILL YOU DISCUSS WITH
US IN SOME DETAIL THE NATURE AND VOLUME OF THE INVOLVEMENT
OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN ANGOLA? YOU MENTIONED
THIS AT A HEARING THE OTHER DAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
IF IT IS IN MANPOWER, DOLLARS, ETC -- WHAT YOU CAN TELL
US ABOUT IT.

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3. SECRETARY KISSINGER: WELL, I DON'T HAVE THE FIGURES HERE, AND I CANNOT GO MUCH BEYOND WHAT I STATED THE OTHER DAY, WHICH IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION EARLIER THIS YEAR INTRODUCED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT INTO ANGOLA - SUBSTANTIAL IN RELATION TO THE BALANCE OF FORCES THAT THEN EXISTED, THAT CUBA HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE FORM OF ADVISORS AND OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WE CONSIDER BOTH OF THESE STEPS BY EXTRA-

CONTINENTAL POWERS A SERIOUS MATTER AND REALLY, AS FAR AS THE SOVIET UNION IS CONCERNED, NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE SPIRIT OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS.

4. QUESTION: SIR, WE ARE ALSO AN EXTRA-TERRITORIAL POWER. WHAT ARE WE DOING THERE?

5. SECRETARY KISSINGER: OUR INTEREST IN ANGOLA, WHICH IS RELATED TO THE FACT THAT THE ACCESS TO THE SEA OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTRIES GOES THROUGH ANGOLA, WAS BASICALLY GENERATED BY THE INTERVENTION OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OTHER INTEREST EXCEPT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CALL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND FOR NEGOTIATION AMONG THE THREE FACTIONS THAT ARE INVOLVED THERE TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE NO UNITED STATES INTEREST TO PURSUE IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER

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